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MISSOULA--

Three high school basketball players, all with winning backgrounds, will attend the University of Montana next fall according to UM basketball coach Jud Heathcote.

Heathcote said that two guards, Mike Groesbeck and Tom Rondeau, and forward Mike Richardson have <sup>signed</sup> / national letters of intent and <sup>will</sup> / enroll at UM on basketball scholarships.

Rondeau is a first team all-stater from Corvallis, Oregon. The six-footer averaged 18.1 points last season and led Corvallis High into the State's Triple A Tournament.

"I feel that Tom has excellent guard skills and that he will develop into a top flight Big Sky basketball player," Heathcote, who is actively seeking a guard to replace graduated Mike Murray, said.

Heathcote also considers Groesbeck, who is from Spokane, Washington, to be an outstanding prospect. "The fact that Shadle Park has had three outstanding seasons with Bruce in the lineup is an indication of his leadership qualities and his playing ability," Heathcote commented.

The 6-3 youngster was named to the all-city team three straight times at Shadle Park High School. He captained the 1973 team that grabbed a third straight city league championship.

Richardson, who stands 6-7, had an outstanding senior year at George Washington High in Denver, Colorado.

"Mike is young and we think he will continue to develop. He is still growing. He improved dramatically in his senior year, averaging 17 points and 14 rebounds," Heathcote stated.

Richardson was named to the all-city first team at center and Washington High represented the Denver Prep league in the State's AAA tourney.